

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A clamp (1) comprising two arms (3, 4) with opposed gripping tips in the form of two jaws (5, 6) for supporting and positioning a superelastic osteosynthesis clip (2), said osteosynthesis clip (2) comprising a web (23) from which two flanges (21, 22) intended to be inserted into two portions of bone emerge, said clamp (1) being characterized in that it comprises further comprising:

- a first means (11) for preventing the jaws (5, 6) of each arm (3, 4) when supporting the clip from being opened in order to prevent clip (2) from opening beyond a point at which the angle between the flanges (21, 22) and the web (23) is greater than 90°; and
- a second means (9, 10) for preventing the jaws (5, 6) from being closed in order to prevent clip (2) from closing beyond a point at which the angle between the flanges (21, 22) and the web is substantially 90°[[;]].

2. (Currently amended) A The clamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the first means (11) consists of comprises a component separately mounted on one of the arms (3, 4).

3. (Currently amended) A The clamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the first means (11) consists of comprises a protuberance on one of the arms (3, 4).

4. (Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in either claim 2 or 3, characterized in that wherein the first means (11) comes into contact with an opposite arm of said two arms (3, 4) in order to prevent said opening of the jaws (5, 6).

5. (Currently amended) A The clamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the second means (9, 10) comprises a component (8) separately mounted on one of the arms (3, 4) and comprising at least one tooth that cooperates with a sharp edge on an opposite arm of the two arms (3, 4).

6. (Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that wherein the component (8) can swivel relative to the arm (3, 4) on which it the component is mounted.

7. (Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in any of claims claim 1 to 6, characterized in that wherein the two arms (3, 4) comprise an elastic return means making it possible to keep them the arms apart.

8. (Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in any of claims claim 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein the first means (11) is adjustable so as to allow variation in the an extent of over-opening of the clip-(2).

9. (Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in any of claims claim 1 to 8, characterized in that wherein the second means (9, 10) is adjustable so as to allow parallel positioning of the flanges (21, 22) of the clip (2) depending on the size of its the web (23).

10.(Currently amended) AThe clamp as claimed in any of claims claim 1 to 9, characterized in that wherein, for a superelastic osteosynthesis clip which has a deformation curve as a function of stress having a line B-C that represents opening of said clip and a line C-B'-A' that represents its clip closing, over-opening of said clip by the first means (11) corresponds substantially to portion C-C' of the curve where C' corresponds to intersection of the tangent lines between the-a return plateau, closure B'-A' and the-a fall from C.